



**BEATING THE BARRICADES:** Transport Command of the R.A.F. are running an extensive freight service into Berlin to defeat the Russian embargo on road and rail transport. The operation is aptly named "Carter Paterson."

## Service Aviation . . . . .

### Reunion

THOSE members of No. 202 Flying Boat Squadron who wish to attend the reunion provisionally arranged for October 16th, 1948, should contact F/L. (Schnorkel) Snasdell, R.A.F.O., c/o 59, Mandeville Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

### R.A.A.F. Anti-invasion Exercise

THE first anti-invasion air exercises ever to be carried out by the R.A.A.F. are now in progress in the Darwin area, the object of the exercises being to establish, at short notice, a forward operations base. When the invasion alarm sounded, aircraft of Transport Command moved the entire field maintenance units and administrative staff of a Lincoln bomber group from their station near Brisbane to Darwin.

During the exercises search will be made off the Darwin coast for "enemy"

convoys and high-altitude bombing attacks will be made on targets in the Northern Territory.

### Norwegian Honours for Ex-R.C.A.F. Personnel

R.C.A.F. Headquarters, Ottawa, last month announced that His Majesty the King of Norway had conferred the award of King Haakon VII's Cross of Liberation on six former members of the R.C.A.F., and the Medal of Liberation on two former members, in recognition of distinguished services rendered in the cause of the Allies. Those receiving the awards are: Air Chief Marshal L. S. Breadner, C.B., D.S.O. (former C.A.S.); Air Marshal G. O. Johnson, C.B., M.C.; Air Marshal Robert Leckie, C.B., D.S.O., D.S.C., D.F.C. (former C.A.S.); A.V-M. G. E. Brookes, C.B., O.B.E.; A.V-M. F. S. McGill, C.B.; and A.V-M. K. G. Nairn, C.B. The two officers receiving King Haakon VII's Medal of Liberation, awarded in recognition of services rendered as liaison officers with the Royal Norwegian Air Force in

Toronto, are F/L. S. G. K. MacDonald and F/L. A. L. Wainwright.

### Special R.A.F. Short Service Scheme

A FURTHER year or two years' service with gratuity and other benefits is offered to serving members of the R.A.F. and W.A.A.F. due for release by the end of the year and to those who postponed their release. The gratuity is at the rate of £80 a year for R.A.F. officers, £40 for W.A.A.F. officers, £20 for airmen and £16 for airwomen. Other benefits include 28 days' leave, a civilian outfit (unless already issued) or cash equivalent and clothing coupons. No age limits apply to the scheme, which is introduced because of the serious shortage which will result from releases by the end of the year. Airmen and airwomen will retain their rank under current conditions, and officers will be appointed in their existing substantive rank.

### Officer Cadetships and Ex-A.T.C.

FORMER A.T.C. cadets who hold the proficiency certificate are now excused the Civil Service Commissioners' written examination when entering for cadetships leading to permanent commissions in the R.A.F. in the General Duties, Equipment or Secretarial Branch or the R.A.F. Regiment, provided they fulfil the other necessary conditions, such as age and educational standard. This concession already applies to serving A.T.C. cadets who hold the proficiency certificate. Ex-cadets who wish to take advantage of this scheme should apply to the Commanding Officer of their old unit, or, if this is closed, to their Reserve Group.

### Obituary

THE following casualties are announced with regret by the Air Ministry in the accident to the York aircraft of R.A.F. Transport Command which collided with a D.C.6 of Scandinavian Air Lines on Sunday, July 4th:—

Sir Edward Gent, C.M.G., O.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., High Commissioner for the Federation of Malaya, who was a passenger in the aircraft, and F/L. J. K. Nowrie, G. R. Coates, C. Ingleby, W. T. Trotman, Sig. 1 H. G. Lewis, and Eng. II J. I. Rees.



**IN THE SUNNY ? SOUTH:** No. 603 (Edinburgh) Squadron has spent its summer camp at Tangmere this year. The group above shows, left to right, S/L Gilroy, D.F.C., F/O. Monro, F/O. Scott, F/L Skene, F/L Anderson, F/O. Meadows, D.F.C., F/O. Moncar, F/O. Kennedy, F/L. Forbes, D.F.C.